



HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# YEAR END REPORT

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# Sheriff Dennis J. Quakenbush II

## LETTER

To the Citizens of Hamilton County,

As my first year in office comes to a close, I want to thank you for electing me to serve you as your Sheriff. I am forever grateful to the 240+ men and women at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) who have helped build and sustain the legacy of safety for our community. We live in one of the safest counties in America and the HCSO mission to "Keep Hamilton County Safe" will continue to be our top priority.

We must never take the unparalleled safety of Hamilton County for granted. As your county-wide law enforcement, we understand that the safety of our neighborhoods is being challenged daily and it is up to us to uphold the rule of law. As long as there is evil in the world, the innocent will need protected and our quality of life will need defended.

Our mission to "Keep Hamilton County Safe" involves everyone in the community, including you. Our citizens, business owners, community leaders, and public safety partners, all deserve credit for these collective successes. The men and women at the Sheriff's Office have not only stepped up to this vital mission, but they have committed their daily lives to it. We began 2019 by establishing specific objectives that would result in a safer community, lives saved, and crime deterred. This report outlines these goals and accomplishments. I hope you will find this report informative, but also that it will inspire you to be ever vigilant to the safety of our great community.

Sincerely,

Dennis Quakenbush  
Sheriff, Hamilton County, Indiana



# Chief Deputy John Lowes



At the beginning of the year, a new mission statement and six specific goals were established to clarify Sheriff Quakenbush's vision. The mantra "Keep Hamilton County Safe," was a fundamental concept of the process. The new goals were taken to the supervisory staff, and with everyone's input specific measurable objectives were established for the year.

## AGENCY MISSION

We will strive to protect and serve Hamilton County by enforcing the law, carrying out justice, and defending the rights and freedoms of all.

## AGENCY GOALS

1. Reduce crime, violence, and death in Hamilton County by proactively enforcing the law.
2. Enhance the quality of life in our community and schools by engaging and partnering with the citizens we serve.
3. Ensure the future success of the agency by developing and supporting personnel through leadership training, succession planning, and by partnering with them in their physical, mental, and spiritual health.
4. Support Hamilton County law enforcement agencies and partners with centralized intelligence, programs, and resources when practicable.
5. Carry out justice for offenders, while providing access to avenues of reformation and restoration.
6. Steward taxpayer resources by applying strategic planning, including financial planning and continuous quality improvement methods.

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# Insight Into Challenges

## Impaired Driving

- 10,511 people were killed in USA in 2018 due to drunk driving.
- Impaired driving is one of most frequently committed violent crimes in the nation.
- Almost a million drunk driving arrests are made each year in the USA.
- The average drunk driver has driven drunk 80 times before their first arrest.
- Drunk driving costs the USA 132 billion dollars each year.
- About 1,200 people are convicted each year in Hamilton County for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

## Illegal Drug Use

- In 2017 the U.S. Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency relating to the opioid crisis.
- 10.3 million people in the USA misused prescription opioids in 2018.
- 808,000 people in the USA used heroin in 2018.
- Almost 1.5 million drug related arrests were made each year for the last 5 years in the USA.
- There were 459 overdose incidents in Hamilton County in 2018.
- There were 40 overdose deaths in Hamilton County, the number increased 4 years in a row.

## Crashes

- 9,378 people were killed in the USA in 2018 due to speeding.
- Estimated societal harm motor vehicle crashes caused was \$836 billion.
- About 1/3 of fatal crashes in Indiana involve alcohol.
- Over a thousand crash reports were generated last year in Hamilton County.

## Crimes Against Property

- Over a million burglaries occurred each year for the past 5 years in the USA.
- 4 to 5 million thefts were reported each year for the past 5 years in the USA.

## Crimes Against People

- 139,380 rapes were reported to law enforcement in 2018 in the USA, this was 2.7% higher than the 2017 estimate.
- 1 in 10 children experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday.
- Hamilton County sex offender registrar processed 245 sex offenders last year (2018).
- Over a million violent crimes occur each year in the USA (Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault).
- About 25,000 violent crimes occur each year in Indiana.

## TOP 5 OFFENSES FOR INMATES HELD IN HAMILTON COUNTY LAST YEAR (2018)

1. Operating While Intoxicated
2. Theft
3. Possession of Marijuana
4. Battery
5. Possession of Paraphernalia

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King Jr. (Strength to Love, 1963)

## GOAL

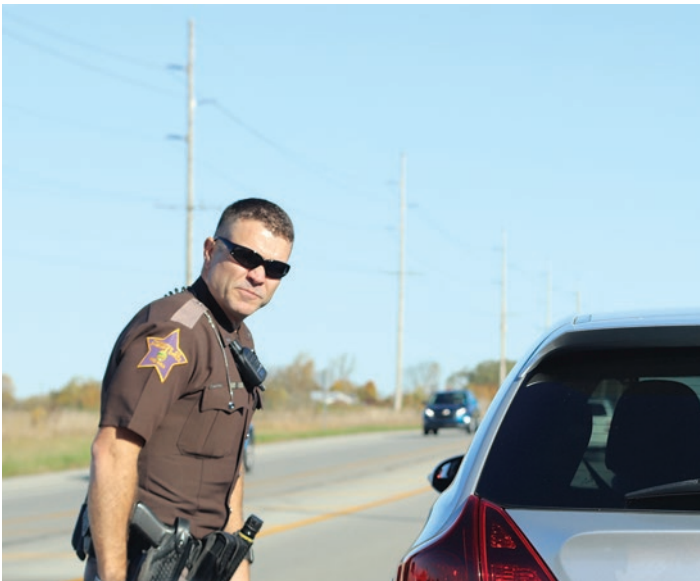
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# Proactive Enforcement

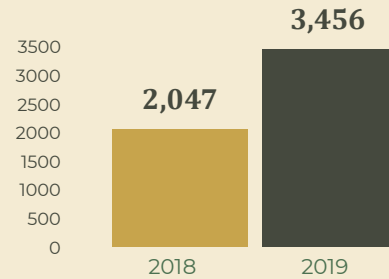
*How did the Sheriff's Office reduce crime, violence, and death in Hamilton County?*

## ENFORCEMENT

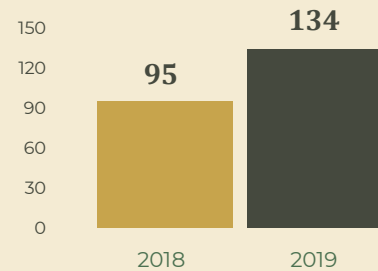
The Patrol Division was the frontline defense against crime in 2019. They were led by Captain Tom Logan. Their subspecialties included: Drug Recognition Experts, D.A.R.E. Officers, Tactical Tracking Team, Honor Guard, K-9 Units, Peer Support Team, and Bicycle Patrol.



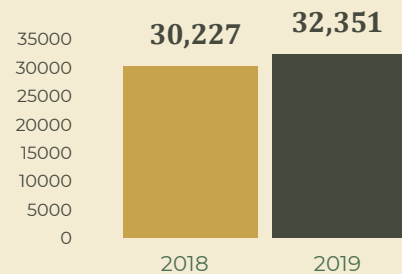
## TICKETS ISSUED



## DRUG ARRESTS



## SHERIFF'S OFFICE INCIDENTS (CALLS FOR SERVICE)



## TRAFFIC STOPS

11,002

## OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS

253

## DOCUMENTATION (CASE REPORTS)

2,423

## VALOR

11 patrol deputies & 10 correctional officers were recognized for their heroic acts in 2019:

### Medal of Honor

Sgt. Bill Clifford and Deputy Jeremy Kousen located a suicidal female who had cut her arms. They applied tourniquets to the patient which saved her life.



*Pictured left to right: Major John Lowes, Deputy Jeremy Kousen, Sgt. Bill Clifford, and Sheriff Quakenbush.*

### Sheriff's Commendation Award

Sgt. Kevin Crask averaged more than 100 DUI arrests for five consecutive years (2015-2019).



*Pictured left to right: Sgt. Kevin Crask, Sheriff Quakenbush.*

Correctional Officers Allen Henricks, Dalton Ballard, Evan Elkins, Matthew Hyde, and Kyle Lippott located a facedown inmate during a medical emergency. They performed a quick assessment and provided CPR.

### Captain's Award

Correctional Officers Dalton Bragg, Derek Hartle, Austin Meinhardt, and Joseph Pyle recognized a medical emergency and took swift lifesaving action as a team.



*Pictured left to right: Joseph Pyle, Austin Meinhardt, Derek Hartle, Dalton Bragg, Dalton Ballard, Allen Henricks, and Sheriff Quakenbush.*

### Division Award

Deputies Nate Biddle, Patrick Clennon, and Sgt. Brian Niec risked their own lives to help citizens in need.



*Pictured left to right: Nate Biddle, Patrick Clennon, and Sheriff Quakenbush.*



*Pictured left to right: Sgt. Brian Niec and Sheriff Quakenbush.*

### Lifesaving Award

Deputies Bryan Melton, Ryan McClain, Jon Carder, Brad Osswald, Sgt. Kevin Crask, Sgt. Matthew Coleman, and Lt. Ryan Horine all performed acts of bravery to save lives.



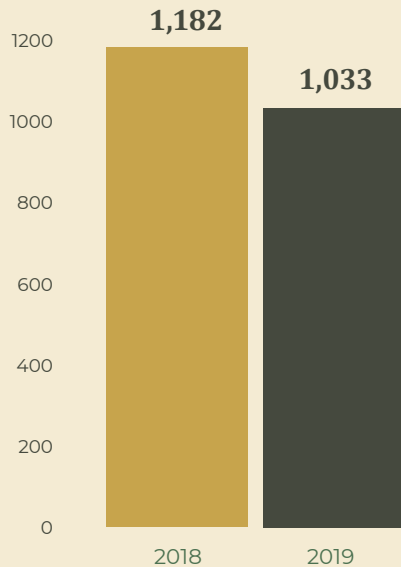
*Pictured left to right: Lt. Ryan Horine, Sgt Kevin Crask, Deputy Brad Osswald, and Sheriff Quakenbush.*



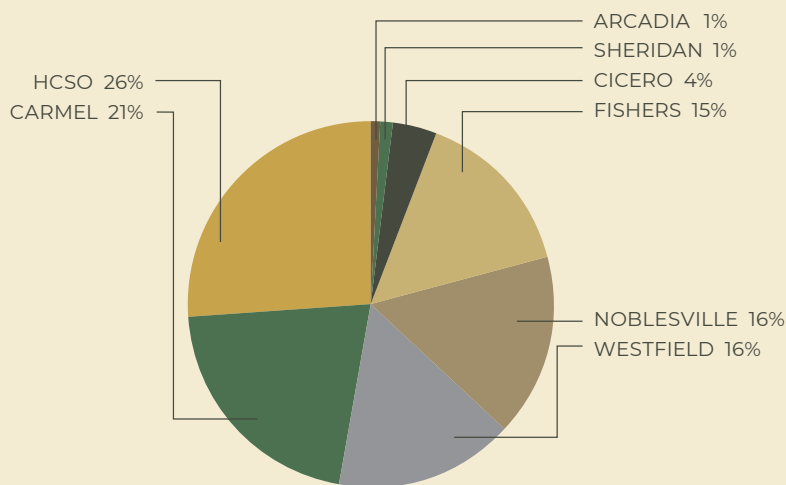
*Pictured left to right: Sgt Matthew Coleman, Sgt Kevin Crask, Deputy Jon Carder, Deputy Bryan Melton, Lt. Ryan Horine, and Sheriff Quakenbush.*



### CRASH REPORTS PROCESSED



### OWI ARRESTS IN HAMILTON COUNTY BY AGENCY



### CAR SEAT INSTALLATIONS PERFORMED IN 2019

52

### CRASH PREVENTION

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is responsible for many heavily traveled roadways and intersections. In 2019, data compiled showed 1,033 accidents. Four of those were fatal accidents with a total of six people killed in 2019. Specifically, 178 accidents resulted in personal injuries.

Crashes at our top 5 intersections occurred due to: following too closely, failure to yield the right of way, improper lane usage, disregard signal, or unsafe lane movement.

Additional traffic enforcement was emphasized in these areas and subsequently three of the five locations experienced a decrease in crashes from 2018 to 2019.

### TOP 5 CRASH LOCATIONS IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE JURISDICTION

1. 146th & Hazel Dell Rd.
2. 236th & US 31
3. 146th & Gray Rd.
4. 146th & Carey Rd.
5. 146th & River Rd.

### CAR SEAT INSPECTIONS

The administration helped keep newborn babies safe with one-on-one clinics designed to teach new parents or relatives how to properly install a car seat. Remember all children under the age of 8 must be properly restrained in a child safety seat or booster. Children under the age of 1 year and less than 20lbs must face the rear of the vehicle. It is strongly recommended that children remain in the back seat until their 13th birthday. To request a car seat inspection call: (317) 776-1839.

### REVISED ANIMAL CONTROL LAW

Hamilton County Ordinance (Title 15) was heavily revised and successfully passed. It took nine months to draft. The humane society and county leaders worked together to make the following improvements:

- New temperature guidelines: when temperatures drop below 40 degrees or rise above 80 degrees, animal kept outside require additional resources.
- Dogs and cats are required to have a permanent ID in the form of a tag or micro-chip.
- Stiffer penalties for violations relating to neglect, abuse, and abandonment.

## PAPER SERVICE

The Civil Division serves papers such as summons, subpoenas, eviction orders, protective orders, and notices to appear for agencies in and out of the state. Civil deputies also assist with various tasks on Election Day. These critical components help our community thrive and keep our citizens safe.

## COURT SECURITY

- 3,370 adult inmates to court
- 136 juvenile inmates to court
- 1,356 fingerprints processed
- 148,295 visitors passed through the metal detectors

## WARRANT SWEEPS

The Sheriff's Operation Division managed all the records related to warrants in Hamilton County. Correctional Officers processed the warrants, and patrol deputies focused on serving as many warrants as possible to help keep fugitives off the streets.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING SCREENING TOOL

Human trafficking is a multibillion-dollar industry, and globally is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises. Due to this, detectives attended training related to human trafficking (sexual & labor exploitation). Juvenile Probation within the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center utilized a questionnaire to help screen for potential victims of human trafficking. It can happen anywhere, so be aware of the red flags listed below.

## ACCREDITATION

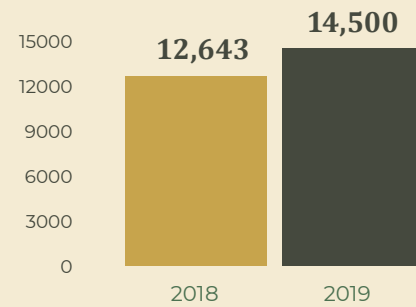
The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office once again met the requirements established by CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). CALEA is an international organization which requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas:

1. Policy & Procedures
2. Administration
3. Operations
4. Support Services

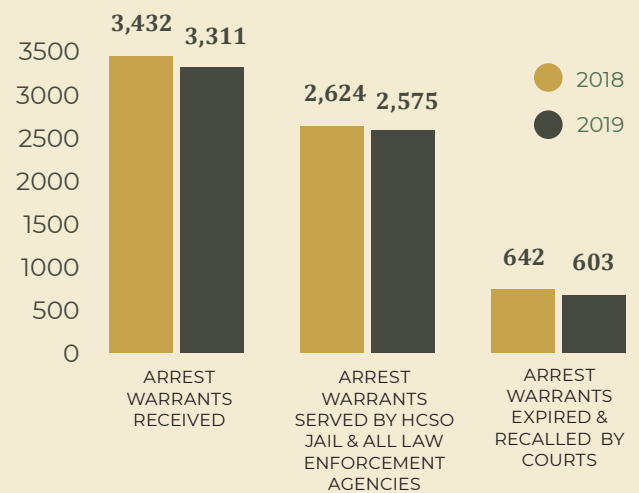
## PROJECT LIFESAVER

The Hamilton County Public Safety Communications Center provides Project Lifesaver services for Hamilton County with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office. Project Lifesaver is a non-profit organization that provides a tracking wristband to persons with dementia, Alzheimer's, Autism, or Down Syndrome and are at risk of wandering. Using state-of-the-art tracking equipment, the missing person can be located within minutes. Call the Public Safety Communications Center at (317) 776-6757 for more information about Project Lifesaver.

## PAPERS SERVED BY MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL DIVISION



## ARREST WARRANTS



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING RED FLAGS

- Statement related to commercial sex
- Youth advertised on social media
- Controlling adult who speaks for a child
- Inappropriate age difference of an older "boyfriend/girlfriend"
- Someone else controls their identification card or documents
- Runaway juvenile recovered at a motel
- Foster care runaway who was gone for an extended period of time
- Brands & tattoos related to numbers, bar codes, or names
- Malnutrition
- Gang affiliation
- Unfamiliar with area
- Story that doesn't make sense
- Building security designed to keep people inside
- Workers who owe a debt to their employers
- Workers whose movements are restricted



## GOAL

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# Community Involvement

*How do you enhance the quality of life in a community & schools?*

### PHILANTHROPY

#### Cop on the Rooftop

Correctional officers and patrol deputies took over a Dunkin Donuts (Carmel, IN) and raised over \$1,000 dollars to support Indiana Special Olympics during the month of May.

#### Pack the Cruiser

Officers parked near a local grocery store and accepted donations for the Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program to help feed struggling families.

#### COP RIDE

Concerns of Police Survivors is a non-profit organization that provides support for family members who face the devastating trauma of a line of duty death. The cycling event raised over \$6,000.00 dollars during the month of July.

#### Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Pink badges, shirts, and bracelets were a big hit during the month of October. Proceeds from all sales were donated to the Catherine Peachey Fund. The fund was established in memory of Cathy Peachey, one of the founders of the Indiana Breast Cancer Coalition. Today, the Catherine Peachey Fund continues her fight by offering support to programs and individuals on the leading edge of breast cancer research. Over \$400 dollars was contributed.

#### No Shave November (Mo-vember)

The divisions were temporarily allowed to grow beards if they contributed financially to the cause. Several struggling families received a "hand-up" from the approximately \$3,000 raised.

#### Shop for Kids

This holiday shopping spree at Target (Fisher, IN) helped 29 local families (61 kids) in 2019. Each underprivileged child was paired with a deputy, officer, or employee. They were given the ability to spend \$200 dollars on anything the wanted or needed. They often purchased winter clothes, school supplies, and many toys. Donations were collected from area businesses, organizations, and Sheriff's Office employees.



AMOUNT RAISED TO  
SUPPORT INDIANA  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**\$1,000**

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE  
COPS CYCLING EVENT FOR  
FAMILIES

**\$6,000**

NUMBER OF LOCAL KIDS  
HELPED BY  
SHOP FOR KIDS

**61**

## SOCIAL MEDIA

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office utilized Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram in 2019. This allowed nearly 30,000 combined followers to be more connected with the Sheriff's Office. It added a layer of transparency and exponentially increased our ability to communicate.

- Facebook was our primary platform. We added over 4,000 followers in 2019. The majority of our followers live in Noblesville.
- LinkedIn was recently added and will be used for recruitment.
- Twitter was mainly utilized for real time events and status updates.
- Instagram was recently added as way to expand outreach to the younger population.

## MEET & GREET

Each patrol shift hosted a Coffee (or Cookie) with a Cop event. The objective was to strengthen relationships between deputies and citizens.



## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

This allowed residents to properly dispose of unwanted, unused, and expired drugs at three different locations. Electronic vaping devices and cartridges were also accepted at the Riverview location.

## CRIME TIPS

The Investigation Division followed up on all crime tips. This unit was composed of five general case detectives, two crime scene investigators (CSI), one media specialist, two drug task force officers (TFOs), and a sex offender registrar. Captain Scott McKinney led the division and its fundamental strength was based on collaboration. The unit would be remiss if it didn't thank everyone who helped keep Hamilton County safe in 2019. This means YOU! Many cases were solved, and victims protected because our community took action.

If you have information about a crime, please call the Hamilton County Crime Watch Tip Line at (317) 776-5848 or submit a tip online: <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/FormCenter/Sheriffs-Office-4/Submit-a-Crime-Tip-44>. You can also submit information via Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-TIPS (8477) or online: <http://crimetips.org>. The catchphrase, "If you see something, say something," helped us catch criminals. Financial incentives are occasionally available and the ability to remain anonymous is a possibility.

## PUBLIC AWARENESS

The Investigation Division oversaw the sex offender registry via OffenderWatch. Children are especially vulnerable to sex offenders, so open communication and education are vital components to their safety. Our multi-disciplinary team (MDT) worked hard to keep families safe. This team consisted of: child protection services (Indiana DCS), victim advocates (Prevail), child advocacy centers (Cherish Center), and prosecuting attorneys. Nevertheless, the real heroes in these tragic crimes against the family were the brave victims and/or witnesses who disclosed details about these real-life nightmares.

If you have information about an abused or neglected child, please call the Indiana Department of Child Services hotline at: (800) 800-5556. Please visit: <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/166/Sheriffs-Office> to be routed to OffenderWatch, which will provide specific information about offenders living in your area.

## OffenderWatch offered the following Facts About Sex Offenders:

- Approx. 861,837 registered sex offenders in the United States (2016).
- 80- 95% of sex offenders assault people they know.
- Over 80% of convicted adult rapists report that they also molested children.
- Approx. 1/3 of sex offenders report assaulting both males & females.
- Research suggests that most convicted sex offenders have committed many assaults before they are caught.
- A majority of sex offenders report they committed multiple types of sexual assault.
- Some studies indicate less than 30% of sex crimes are reported to law enforcement
- Young victims who know or are related to the perpetrator are least likely to disclose

## NUMBER OF SEX OFFENDERS 2019

**132** Live in  
Hamilton County

**63** Only Work in  
Hamilton County



## SCHOOL PARTNERS & PARTICIPATION

The Sheriff's Office assigned three full time S.R.O.s (Student Resource Officers) to Hamilton Heights School System. Deputies Josh Ireland, Jon Tindal, and Brad Osswald took the lead in this area.

Education was provided about the dangers of vaping and using e-cigarettes. Deputy Osswald took steps to request a grant from Hamilton County Alcohol & Other Drugs to purchase vape detectors in all the bathrooms at the middle and high school.

The jail developed a new program that focused on educating students about the dangers of peer pressure and making wise choices. Correctional officers were welcomed as exclusive guest speakers for the 8th grade health class at the Hamilton Heights Middle School. Officers demonstrated how their choices can have lifelong consequences and repercussions. The students were given a visual representation on the actual size of the living quarters within a jail cell, along with the opportunity to explore an official transport vehicle.

**The S.A.V.E. (Stop Arm Violation Enforcement) grant** was obtained due an application by Sgt. Brian Niec. This grant was intended to enhance school bus safety.

**D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) programs** were taught at St. Maria Goretti (Westfield), Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Sheridan Elementary, and Hamilton Heights Elementary (Arcadia). The curriculum also discouraged violent behavior.

**K-9 Units** provided seven demonstrations in schools.

The Investigation Division assisted the SROs and Hamilton County Probation Officers throughout the year. The threat assessment involvement varied between technical assistance with electronic devices and weapon detection. Additionally, A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) drills and dynamic active shooter training were completed to ensure Hamilton Heights was one of the safest school systems in America.

**Biztown** interviews occurred between deputies and 5th grade students. The students did interviews for imaginary jobs.

**Puppy & Dawg Pound rooms**, located at Hamilton Heights, were both hugely successful in 2019. These rooms were created and designed by Deputies Ireland and Tindal to reward students for their good behavior. The unique concept focused on face to face interaction between all students. Classic games and popcorn highly motivated the students to break down any social barriers. Leadership skills and personal growth were also fundament parts of this initiative.

**The Dawg-a-Thon** to enhance the educational environment within the Hamilton Heights School System.



*Pictured: Hamilton Heights High School Resource Officer, Deputy Brad Osswald.*



*Pictured from left to right: Officer Travis Dunn and Sgt. Matthew Coleman.*



*Pictured: Deputy Tindal showing the transport vehicle.*



*Pictured: Deputy Jon Carder with his partner K-9 Jaeger.*



*Pictured: Deputy Josh Ireland and Maryann Haymaker (Hamilton County Youth Assistance) with students in the puppy pound.*





### CITIZENS ACADEMY

Members of the citizens academy got to learn about all the divisions of the Sheriff's Office. The Citizens Academy training covers many of the topics taught to new deputies; such topics include patrol procedures, traffic stops, law, K-9, physical tactics, impaired driving enforcement, 911 services, emergency driving, firearms, corrections, and investigations.

Most sessions consist of classroom discussions, demonstrations, and hands-on practical experiences that give participants a better understanding of the many roles and functions of the Sheriff's Office. Academy participants are offered opportunities to go on a "ride-along" with a patrol deputy and given time to observe the jail staff in action. Sgt. Bryant Orem held his 20th Citizens Academy Class and celebrated 10 years with the program. Two classes are held each year. Please contact Deputy Ryan McCain for more information: (317) 776-4104 or Ryan.mcclain@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

### PARK BICYCLE PATROL

The Patrol Division established good relationships with our parks department and increased visibility in the 13 properties which we protect. If you would like to request a bicycle demonstration, patrol, or special event, please contact Deputy Kevin Neal at (317) 773-1872 or Kevin.Neal@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

### JUNIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

The Chaplaincy Unit of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office directed its 13th Annual Junior Law Enforcement Academy in June with 94 local children. The children experienced a staged crime scene in which they could observe clues and solve crime. They also were treated to a S.E.R.T. (Sheriff's Emergency Response Team) demonstration led by our correctional officers. Approximately 40 volunteers helped present the half-day program which combines biblical and law enforcement principles.

### INDIANA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

Deputies participated in the Youth Leadership Academy, where they had the opportunity to teach children how to build character and develop leadership skills. The camp welcomed all children, especially those who wouldn't typically have the opportunity to attend a summer camp. It also helped foster relationships between the deputies and children.

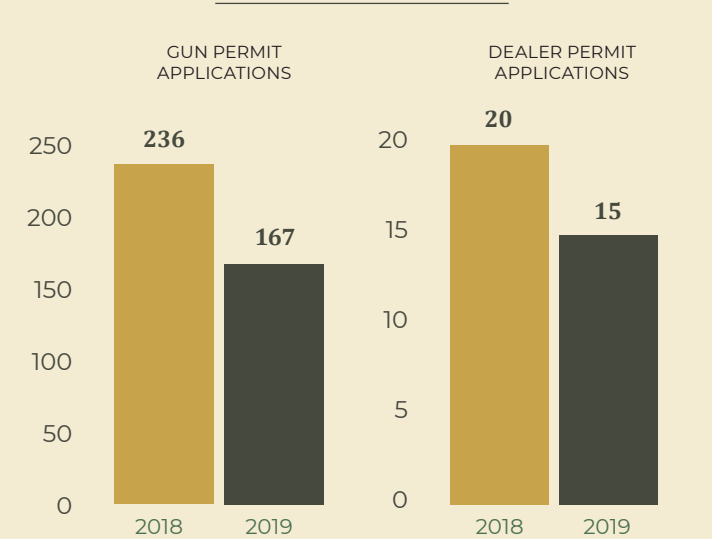
### PERSONAL PROTECTION

The Sheriff's Office facilitated the process for residents to obtain gun permits to legally sell or possess firearms.

#### Follow these three easy steps:

1. Complete an application online: <https://firearms.ariesportal.com/>.
2. Schedule an appointment online to have your fingerprints electronically scanned at a convenient location.
3. Complete the final step in the application process at the Sheriff's Office within 90 days. Please wait at least 48 hours after your fingerprint session has been completed before contacting the Sheriff's Office.

### GUN PERMITS & DEALER LICENSES



## GOAL

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# Supporting Our Employees

*How do you ensure the future will be successful?*

### NEXT GENERATION

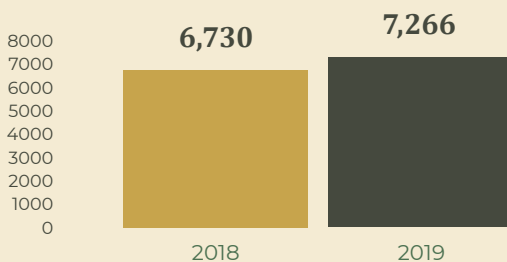
Specific plans were developed for all key positions in the agency. When anyone retires, their knowledge and skills will automatically be passed on to the next generation. This will prevent any gaps from inferring with our high level of service.

### TOP NOTCH TRAINERS

Skills related to firearms, emergency vehicle operations (EVO), and physical tactics required knowledgeable instructors. The Sheriff's Office utilized seasoned trainers mixed with newer instructors to pass along institutional knowledge. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office went above and beyond the state mandated training.



### HOURS OF DEPUTY TRAINING



### I.M.P.D. LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Operation's Division was able to send three merit deputies to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's Leadership Academy. This academy is a strenuous course which lasted 160 hours. The class was highly motivational and honed conceptional ideas related to leadership and supervision. Sergeant Kevin Crask, Deputy Ryan McClain, and Captain Kija Ireland attended this four-month course and completed independent case studies. These case studies compelled each attendee to research areas in law enforcement, which they felt could directly improve the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Sgt. Crask researched and created a potential policy to create a master deputy program. This would help recognize our most experienced and skilled deputies with a new collar or uniform insignia. The formal rank of a deputy is not an automatic indicator of successful influence, but the master deputy program would recognize this specific trait.

Capt. Ireland indicated the Sheriff's Office needed more family involvement. She created templates to help keep employee information up to date. She recommended a service to develop a personal will and testament. Finances and mental health were also major themes in her work.

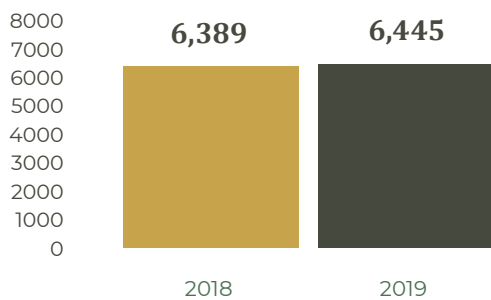
Dep. Ryan McClain focused on mental health improvements. His essay came to fruition when the Sheriff's Office began to formalize a new Wellness Unit with the help of Michelle Furgason & Susan Sherer-Vincent.

## AMERICAN JAIL ASSOCIATION "CERTIFIED JAIL OFFICER" PROGRAM

With the intention of continually enhancing the professionalism of our staff and facility; six correctional officers successfully tested to become Hamilton County Jail's very first Certified Jail Officer(s). These officers include: Robert Pontius, Katlyn Nunez, Jennifer Garland, Elhadj Ndiaye, Michael Biddle, and Justin Rennaker.



## NUMBER OF PEOPLE BOOKED INTO JAIL



## NUMBER OF CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AS OF JAN. 2020

- 98** Full Time Corrections Staff
- 5** Full Time Support Staff
- 2** Part Time Corrections Staff
- 1** Part Time Support Staff

## INDIANA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Deputies spent many hours learning about leadership principles. This is online learning at no cost the agency and the National Tactical Officer's Association has adopted the model.

## GROWTH

The jail expansion project was completed. When the north pod opened it added space for an additional 120 beds and new classrooms. The Corrections Division worked tirelessly to make this a reality.



## MODEL PERSONNEL (EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD)

### Reserve - Kurt Delong

Sgt. Delong is a tenured reserve deputy who has been involved in a lot of activities at the agency. He helped plan the Awards Banquet and worked multiple shifts at Hamilton Heights when manpower was low. His generosity did not go unnoticed.

### Civil – Beth Franklin

Beth did a tremendous job managing the sex offender registry, and took on the responsibility of the Sheriff Sales. Despite some adversity, she consistently went the extra mile in her job duties.

### Corrections (Adult) – Andrew Carey

Sgt. Carey received multiple nominations from his subordinates and was endorsed by his supervisors. He consistently went out of his way to help the line officers and was a great example of leadership. He was trustworthy, dependable, and always has a positive attitude.

### Corrections (Juvenile) – Jena Dawalt

Officer Dawalt always came to work with a smile on her face. She had a positive attitude and did a lot for juveniles on her own time. She was fully dedicated to the health and wellness of the division.

### Merit – Kevin Neal

Dep. Neal served on the Bike Team as well as a DARE instructor. He rode more than any other bicycle patrol deputy and spent a great deal of time patrolling the county parks. His proactive approach was a great example of community policing.





### YEARS OF SERVICE

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Special thanks to Captain Benny Craig for his 50 years of service!

**1970-2020**



### IN MEMORIAM

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During the week of Thanksgiving 2019 Chaplain Tom Kendall took his last breath here on Earth, and went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Chaplain Kendall served the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy Division and the residents of Hamilton County faithfully for ten years. Chaplain Kendall led Bible Studies for both the men and the women's jail. He also led worship services in both the jail and Community Corrections facilities. He served as an on-call chaplain serving with law enforcement three days a week. Chaplain Kendall served faithfully as a Commissioner with the Carmel Police Department, and as a Workplace Chaplain with Gordon Foods. Chaplain Tom Kendall touched many lives and was the epitome of a chaplain. We are certain he has heard from his Lord, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

## GOAL

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# Supporting Our Public Safety Partners

*How did the Sheriff's Office support other law enforcement agencies?*

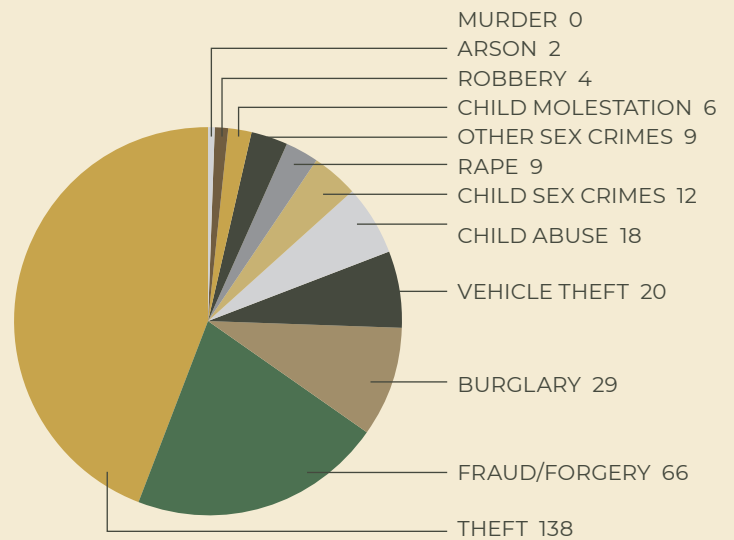


### SHARED INTELLIGENCE

The Investigations Division was committed to properly sharing intelligence and learning about nearby crime trends. This was accomplished via: the Indiana Fusion Center (Indiana State Police), Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCEN), and regular investigator meetings at local law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, new intelligence sharing software (NC4) was researched during 2019 with a proposed roll out date in 2020.



### CRIMES BY CATEGORY IN 2019



### JAIL SECURITY TEAM

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office formed a Jail Security Team. Correctional officers and detectives worked together to cross train additional law enforcement agencies on how to solve crime (inside & outside the detention facility) via the jail phone call system.





## SPECIALIZED K-9 UNITS

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit had the opportunity to add a new handler for the first time in ten years, due to K-9 Fonzie's retirement. Deputy Jon Carder was selected and was partnered with K-9 Jaeger (German Shepherd). Jaeger is a dual-purpose dog. The team attended the IMPD Patrol Handler's course during the summer and obtained their certification in narcotics detection in the fall. Although only in service for a short period of 2019, Dep. Carder and K-9 Jaeger had success this year. They located evidence from a robbery incident in Carmel and a person from another incident in Fishers. They also conducted successful narcotic sniffs during their shift.

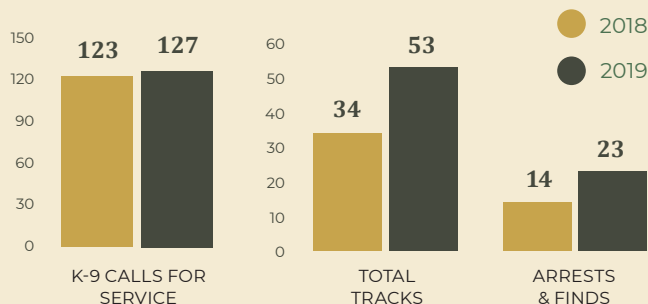
## HOURS OF TRAINING IN 2019

**1,000**

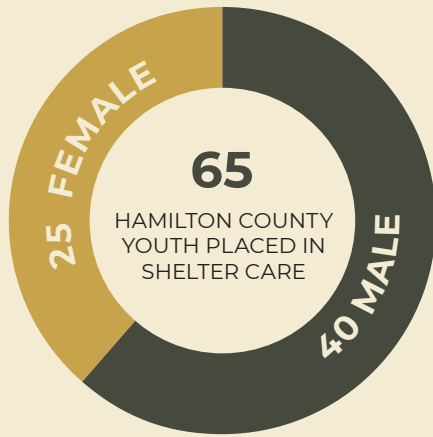
**K-9 Moxy** (Labrador Retriever) was trained in tracking and narcotic detection. Deputy Nate Biddle and K-9 Moxy had a busy year. Dep. Biddle worked hard during 2019 to train Moxy in narcotics detection, which was completed via certification in the spring of 2019. In addition to their narcotics work, Dep. Biddle and K-9 Moxy were able to have two apprehensions within a 24-hour period this year in Westfield. K-9 Moxy was certified via North American Police Work Dog Association.

**K-9 Maudie** (Bloodhound) was used for tracking. Dep. Neal Hoard and K-9 Maudie were certified with three separate organizations in 2019. Dep. Hoard continued his work with Virginia Bloodhound Search and Rescue, where he was appointed an instructor in 2018. Dep. Hoard and K-9 Maudie assisted many law enforcement agencies in 2019. K-9 Maudie used her superior nose to locate a missing juvenile towards the end of the year in Carmel.

## K-9 STATS







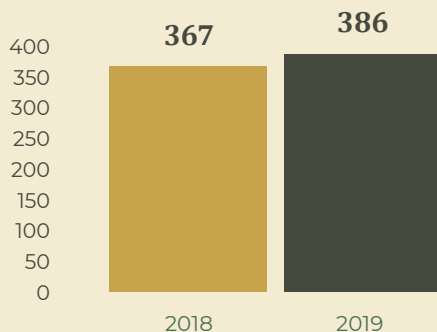
#### AVERAGE DAYS SERVED

**22**

#### NUMBER OF JUVENILE INMATES TRANSPORTED IN 2019

**60**

#### AVERAGE DAILY INMATE POPULATION



#### TOP 5 OFFENSES IN 2019

1. OWI 1632
2. FTA 1065
3. VOP 572
4. Theft 493
5. Battery 402

#### ANIMAL CONTROL CLASS

Our agency hosted a chemical capture certification class. The class consisted of over 25 people from 13 different agencies. This valuable training resource is rarely offered in Indiana.

#### ANNUAL SHERIFF'S CHAPLAINCY CONFERENCE

In October, the Chaplaincy Unit hosted the Annual Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference. The Conference was attended by 77 chaplains from 20 counties in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Twenty sheriff departments and two police departments were involved.

#### JUVENILE SERVICES CENTER



The Juvenile Detention Center was led by Captain Kija Ireland. The center officially reached the accreditation standard. Also, the facility is being considered as a potential future Department of Child Services Shelter (approval pending).

#### EXTRA TRANSPORT OFFICERS



Correctional officers provided additional transportation options for our law enforcement partners during high arrest times to keep proactive police officers on the streets.

#### HOUSING PRISONERS

No other law enforcement agency in Hamilton County is responsible for housing inmates. Arrests have increased from 2018 (6389 total arrests) to 2019 (6445 total arrests).

## GOAL

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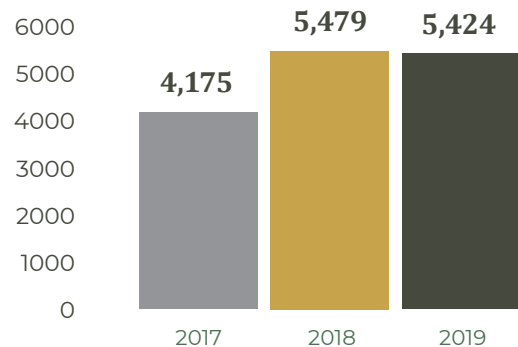
# Carry Out Justice/ Restoration Strategies

*What is the secret balance between justice and restoration?*

### CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMS

Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler oversaw 182 community volunteers and 10 chaplains in 2019, who helped provide programming in the Hamilton County Jail and Community Corrections. The volunteers conducted Bible Studies, Christian Recovery, and AA classes. Inmates in the jail attended 5,424 classes while residents at Community Corrections attended 1,485 classes. The chaplains also answered 3,432 requests from inmates for Bibles and other spiritual resources.

### JAIL INMATE CLASS ATTENDANCE

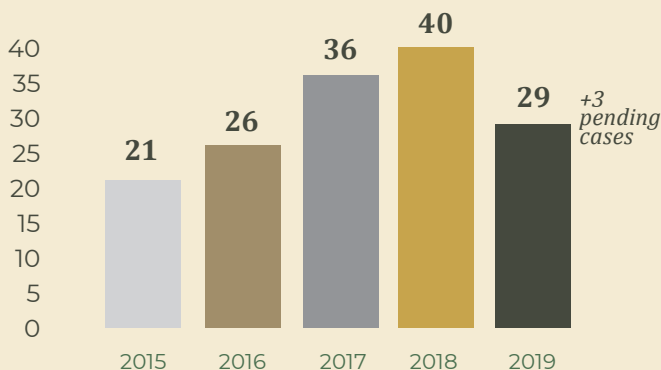


### COPE/QRT

Hamilton County Community Opioid Prevention Efforts (COPE)/ Quick Response Team (QRT) was implemented. This program utilized a team of firemen, police officers, and a peer recovery specialist to visit patients who experienced an overdose within 72 hours. The goal was to provide additional services and encourage them to seek residential treatment. Funding was provided by the Indiana Division of Mental Health & Addictions, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

- 40** patients referred to QRT/COPE
- 7** patients enrolled into the program
- 6** patients assessed by treatment providers
- 32** home visits
- 7** Narcan doses provide by deputies

### OVERDOSE DEATHS



## TOWER

The TOWER (Transitioning Opportunities for Work, Education, & Reality) program was aimed at reducing the recidivism rate amongst inmates at the Hamilton County Jail. The program was designed to address barriers, which sometimes makes it difficult for inmates to transition back into the community.

In 2019, a total of 52 inmates were served. 41 of those were enrolled into the mentoring program and received case management services. The remaining 11 received case management services only, due to emergent needs, but were deemed inappropriate/ineligible for the mentoring portion.

The program partnered with the Noblesville Township Trustee's Office to create a financial support program that provides mentees, who have worked four consecutive weeks (post-release), the opportunity to receive the first months' rent and utilities towards their own stable housing. One inmate has applied for this program as of the end of 2019.



**8** new mentors were added (4 Female & 4 Male)

**9** inmates were linked to temporary/transitional housing prior to release

**4** inmates were set up with phone interviews inside the jail for Progress House

**23** inmates were referred to substance abuse treatment and services post-release

**5** inmates were referred to the HCJ Vivitrol (opioid antagonist) Program

**15** inmates were interviewed inside of the jail for employment placement

**22** inmates participated in the HCJ Job and Resource Fair

**5** inmates were linked to the TOWER pro-bono legal assistance

## GED EDUCATION

The High School Equivalency class (HSE) replaced the G.E.D. program. Only about half of the students who attend the class are considered to be at the eighth grade level or above. Many come to the class with only a third to fifth grade math level. They often have strong, undiagnosed disabilities. The group attends class, studies for the H.S.E., and takes their test in about a two-month period. The H.S.E. covers the subject areas of Social Studies, Science, Writing, Language Arts, Reading, and Math.





# Steward Taxpayer Resources

*How did the Sheriff's Office function financially?*



## STATE FUNDING

In 2019, the Hamilton County Jail recouped close to 1 million dollars from housing the state's level 6 felon offenders. This was due to the recently restructured Indiana Code which required county jails to absorb additional low-level security inmates.

## FEDERAL FUNDING

Hamilton County hosted federal inmates, due to the newly added available space in the jail. Hamilton County received over \$1,000,000 dollars for keeping these federal prisoners.

## SLUMBER IN THE SLAMMER 2.0

In celebration of the completed expansion project, the jail hosted the Slumber in the Slammer 2.0. The fundraiser provided the community with an inside look of the new jail expansion and an opportunity to see the daily operations of the agency. Due to the generosity of the event's attendees, over \$5,000 was raised for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy Program.

Number of beds added with new pod: 120  
Number of beds total as of Jan 2020: 519

Number of meals served:  
406,706 Adult Detention  
91,000 Hamilton County Community Corrections  
13,754 Juvenile Detention Center  
TOTAL: 511,460

## COMMISSARY

We have expanded our jail commissary to bring in additional income to fund programming for inmates. Most of our programs were paid for by the inmates and community partners, instead of using taxpayer monies.

## EXECUTIVES & COUNTY COUNCIL

Through careful planning and work with our county council, the following items were pursued:

- Upgraded flashlights
- New patrol computers
- Backup weapons
- Class B uniform with an outer vest carrier to prevent back problems

## DIVISION FINANCIAL PLANS

Each division organized economic information based on their unique needs. This inversion gave responsibility and decision-making authority back to lower levels within the organization.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Over 50 animals were returned directly to their home without being processed through the humane society due to micro-chips. This saved the taxpayers over \$10,000 dollars. Hank was a part of an especially successful story. After being gone for six months, he was found and reunited with his widowed owner. This was an amazing and comforting moment.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEALS  
SERVED IN 2019

**511,460**

EACH MEAL  
COST

**\$1.37**

## COURAGEOUS VOLUNTEERS

The Reserve Division consisted of 18 highly trained deputies at the end 2019. They were required to work a minimum of 288 hours annually (24 hours per month), but the average reserve worked 623 hours. They volunteered a total of 11,220 hours for the citizens of Hamilton County in 2019. They saved taxpayers between \$285,324 to \$323,653 dollars. In addition to their patrol responsibilities, they provided security at numerous special events. This embodied Sir Robert Peel's (father of modern policing) 7th principle: police are the public and the public are the police.



**SGT. KURT DELONG**  
K.D.  
LANDSCAPING



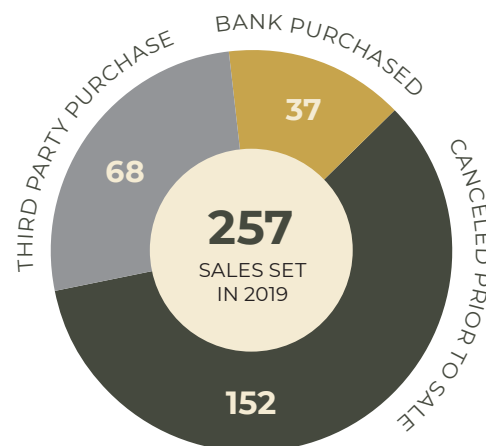
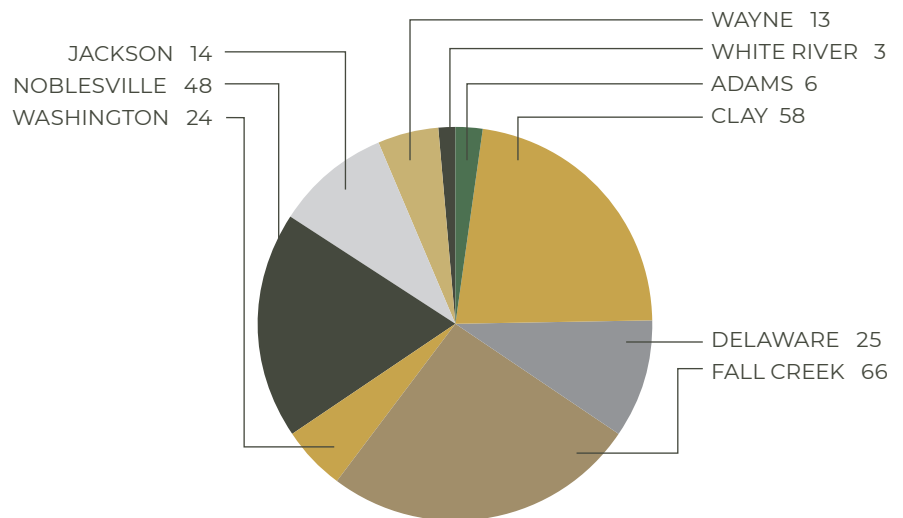
**DEPUTY JAVIER CONTRERAS FLORES**  
CITY OF  
WESTFIELD

## 2019 SHERIFF'S SALES BY TOWNSHIP

### SHERIFF SALE

Check out our newly revised website, <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/598/Sheriffs-Sale> for details about the Sheriff Sale, and download the up to date PDF of all the recent listings. Sheriff's Sales are held on alternating Thursdays between 10 a.m. and noon in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Bid sheets are placed in the lobby at 10 a.m. and written bids are taken until noon at which time a verbal auction is held. You can subscribe online to receive notifications about the sale via e-mail or text message with the Notify Me system, <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/list.aspx>. You can also check the local newspaper on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week.

There is no access to these properties so they cannot be inspected or seen prior to the sale. Terms are cash (certified funds) at the time of the sale. You must have with you the full amount you wish to bid on a property. If the property goes for less than the amount of the check tendered, a refund is available 5 days following the sale.



BIDS ABOVE  
THE JUDGMENT

**48**

SOLD BELOW  
THE JUDGMENT

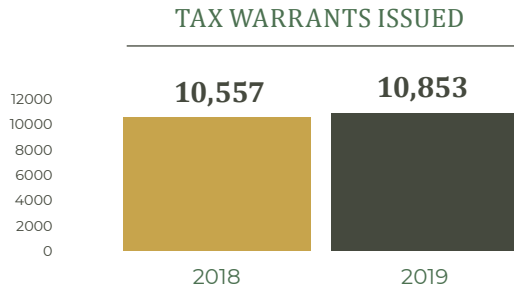
**57**

AVERAGE BID  
PRICE

**\$180K**

## TAX WARRANTS

The Sheriff's Office is tasked with assisting in the collection of monies owed to the Indiana Department of Revenue. These tax warrants are a chance to make voluntary restitution for taxes owed. The Sheriff's Office partnered with Liberman Technologies to help process tax warrants. A few benefits include: payments at the push of a button, faster response time, and a better internet transaction process.



### Beware of scams:

A tax warrant is not an arrest warrant. A widespread scam involves receiving a phone call threatening the victim with arrest if a tax warrant is not paid. Pressure is usually placed for immediate payment by prepaid credit card or wire transfer. Caller ID may show the phone call originating from the Sheriff's Office or other governmental agency. Once a wire transfer or prepaid credit card payment is sent, it is almost impossible to recover. Tax warrants are issued by written letter, never by telephone.

If you receive a phone call threatening arrest for a Tax Warrant, please hang up and call the Department of Revenue at (317) 232-2165, or the Sheriff's Office Tax Warrant Division at (317) 776-9860 to verify a warrant. While delinquent taxes may lead to an arrest warrant at some point if unpaid, a tax warrant itself is not cause for arrest.

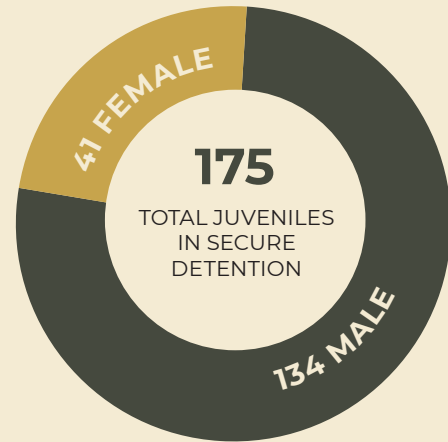
## ROAD CREWS

In 2019 the Hamilton County Highway Department utilized 1,270 inmate hours. At a cost of \$12.00/hour it allowed for a savings of \$15,240. These hours were used for mowing and trash removal on the side of county roads.

- The crews also bagged sand for the Environmental Management Agency. There were at least 1,500 bags made, and 84 cumulative inmate hours for this project.
- These road crews also did work for the county park located in Strawtown. They utilized 448 inmate hours for a cost savings of \$5,376.
- These programs cost the Sheriff's Office approximately \$30,120 plus a total mileage on the vehicles of 19,787 miles.

## SHARED SPACE AT JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

- 75 Juveniles held from outside Hamilton County
- \$107,260 Reimbursed to from outside counties in 2019



### AVERAGE AGE OF JUVENILE DETAINED 2019

**16**

### TOP JUVENILE OFFENSES FOR SECURED DETENTION

- 52** Violation of Probation
- 43** Battery
- 16** Theft
- 13** Resisting Law Enforcement
- 13** Possession of Marijuana
- 5** Robbery
- 3** Criminal Mischief
- 3** Intimidation
- 3** Operator Never Licensed
- 2** Dealing Controlled Substance
- 2** Burglary
- 2** Escape
- 1** Residential Entry
- 1** Child Exploitation
- 1** Auto Theft

“No one is compelled to choose the profession of a police officer, but having chosen it, everyone is obligated to live up to the standard of its requirements.”





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